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The members of the Editorial board would like to offer Season's Greetings to all the readers of BiblioNEWS

'Tis the season to be jolly ...

A Message from the Office of the Director

Change, everywhere change! It is endless, relentless, often unpredictable, sometimes disturbing, and always disruptive; but it is also exciting, stimulating and full of potential. The result: a bewildering range of challenges to be faced - all spawned from the pressing demands for societal, national, provincial and institutional reform. The question for most of us is where to begin to respond; there is so much to absorb and to understand if we are to set the priorities which will enable us to master and manage the problems which are emerging within our personal lives and work place.

No one can arbitrarily set priorities or targets of achievement for anyone other than oneself, but one of ours is an easy choice: to prepare for a new library building by working with you to transform the library system into an exemplary service department, one which supports the university's academic goals, while trying to create a lively, hospitable, comfortable, and civil environment in which staff and users function.

If past is prologue, the task of coordinating and focussing our energies will not be easy, because there have been some serious problems in the past.

For example, the general mistrust of the Office of the Director and the debilitating "rumour mill" within the library system. Though serious, these obstacles can be overcome. What is needed are clear priorities which define our role vis-a-vis the University's mission, together with a shared vision based on common values and realistic goals. Hopefully, developing such formulations and building consensus are well under way in the process we have set in motion for reorganizing the library.

The holiday season is a period for celebration, reflection, and renewal. It is a time to share and explore with family and friends, to adjust values and goals. It is also a time for resolving to begin anew. Have a wonderful, happy, joyous, and refreshing holiday season. We look forward to 1992 and the opportunities afforded to us, **as a group**, to improve the quality of our services and the environment in which we will work.

The Christmas Auction

The Norris Reference Department is organizing its second annual auction for the benefit of the Gazette Christmas Fund and the Canadian Organization for the Development of Education (CODE).

Date:	December 13 - Friday
Time:	Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Place:	Norris Conference Room N-422
Admission Fee:	$0.25
Door Prizes:	TBA

The success of the auction depends again on you. We need your donations - anything that you think will attract a buyer - old (or new) books, toys, clothes, baked goods, object d'arts, jewellery, etc., etc. Bring your donations to the Reference Department any time before the day of the sale.

Coffee will be sold for $0.50 a cup so bring your sandwich and hope to purchase a treasure or two - maybe even a surprise Christmas gift for you or yours. Anyone wishing to help in the role of auctioneer, should contact Elaine Bruce at 7689.

Last year's auction brought in $915.00 We're hoping to exceed the amount this year - with your help.

Who's Where

Technical Services

Effective October 15, 1991, **Helen Eng** takes up an appointment as Clerk, Receiving and Mail.

Darlene Halfyard has been appointed Order Typist, effective November 26.

On November 18, **Judy de Souza** returned from maternity leave to her position as CMF Assistant.

Linda Toy has been appointed Data Input Operator, replacing **Boi May Ang**. The appointment took effect on November 18.

Norris

Stacks

Jan Strudwick has been appointed Stack Attendant, effective November 15.

Karen Pilkington replaces **Terry-Ann Smith** while the latter is on a leave of absence.

Government Publications

Boi May Ang replaces **Alex Olynyk** as Government Publications Assistant, effective October 21. **Alex** continues to replace **Annabelle Rouse** as supervisor of the unit.

Media Centre

Debbie Allen has been appointed Clerk-typist, effective November 7.

Sel

Dubravka Kapa took up an appointment as Reference/Selection Librarian on October 15.

Pat Winston has been appointed Overdues Assistant, effective October 15.

Michael Thoms became full-time Stack Attendant on October 21, replacing **Martine Langevin**.

Terry Emrick became permanent part-time Stack Attendent, effective October 21.

Vanier

Claude Hébert replaces **Vladimir Hakien** for 14 of his hours while the latter takes a part-time leave of absence. **Sharon Morrison**, in turn, takes up the hours tha Claude has vacated.

For the period October 21 to November 15, **Shawn Mackniak** replaces **Favio Garcia**, who is on leave of absence. **Kathryn Charr** replaces **Shawn**.

GREETINGS FROM SEL

(With apologies to Clement Moore)

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through our SEL
Everybody was busy and working like --, well
For example, the shelvers, just like Santa's elves,
Had settled the books nice and snug on their shelves.
Circulation was checking in books by the score,
While students came bearing yet multitudes more.

When out 'cross the street there again rose a clatter;
But everyone knew now just what was the matter.
That hole in the ground had been filled with concrete,
With steel and with glass and with tiles all complete.
'Til what to our wondering eyes did appear
But a building that looked like -- (A warehouse for beer?)
The Royal George stood shivering, all bleached, but still proud;
It felt pretty strange in that modern tiled crowd.
There's an atrium, too, (just because they're in style).
Let's hope they'll clean windows there once in a while.

As we contemplate Christmas, (in SEL it's our last),
We're hoping that Santa fills our wish list fast.
A new L.I.S we are sure will be great;
Please deliver it soon, so we won't have to wait.
We'd like photocopy machines that don't quit,
To brighten our students' lives more than a bit.
Then too we would ask him to give them the will
To leave pages in journals. We've one more wish still:
We really would like to build up our collections;
Please give us the ear of all those with connections.
We do want a budget to keep buying books.
(A library is, you'll agree, more than looks.)

In sending our wishes to old Santa Claus
We're hoping that he will reward our just cause.
We've been pretty good now for many a year,
But thinking of moving we may shed a tear.
For this is our last Christmas here in old SEL;
It's airless, and crowded, but it's really been swell.
Getting up to the tenth floor was sure quite a climb,
But working together we had a good time.

Now from Zu and from Karen, from David and Gheri,
From Robert and Edith and Shiva and Terry;
There's Shirley and Michael, Martine and Debbie,
Dubravka, and Debra, Pat, Carol and Lee,
Mary and Clara, and don't forget me.
The whole gang sings out, with plenty of might,
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND START '92 RIGHT!

Ruth Noble

Academic Activities of Vanier Support Staff

You begin to see the first signs in August when a few employees take personal leave at registration time. Then you become aware that some of your co-workers are hammering out an alternative work schedule with the supervisor and unit head. Later in September they are observed spending the lunch hour at the card catalogue or going through indexes. As your working day ends, when you are leisurely looking forward to getting home and turning on the six o'clock news, these same co-workers, heavily loaded down with book bags, are making a dash across the campus to catch the shuttle bus. Then you know that these are the Vanier co-workers who are fitting in an academic life with a work schedule.

Shelley Blackman - Why is Shelley often found in the Media Centre deeply absorbed in a Shakespeare video? After her full time working hours, she is a part time English major at Concordia. She has spent the last five years manipulating a packed schedule, Shelley is looking forward to graduation within two years. Having completed her core courses, her choice of electives are more diversified to include science and computer courses. When asked about her plans after graduation, Shelley replied yes, definitely a masters, perhaps Canadian literature, contemporary literature or the MLIS program at McGill.

Vladimir Hakien - Vladimir has reduced his work week to seventeen and a half hours to enter the MLIS program at McGill, he already holds a B.A. in Philosphy. This year Vladimir is doing the basic courses in cataloguing, Reference, Technical Services and Data Processing. He describes the course in Data Processing as fascinating, opening up a whole new world. When given a choice of electives Vladimir describes Public Service as his area of special interest. Graduation for Vladimir will be spring, 1993.

Claude Hébert - Claude's program is at the Université de Montréal, two years in Ergonomics and Health and Safety. Although this discipline of study is readily available in Japan and Europe, The Université de Montréal is the only university in North America to offer this program. The study of ergonomics is based on the concept that work is a place to develop and offer one's skills. Consequently, a work environment should reflect this intention and be adequately planned and maintained to allow and encourage the worker to completely fulfill the requested tasks. Claude is fitting his academic studies into his life by spending his entire weekends in the classroom. He is looking forward to graduation within two years.

Chris James - Chris is well past half way to completion of a degree in Honours History. He is doing two or three courses every winter, and whatever is available for his program of studies during the spring and summer semesters. This year he is preparing a historiographical essay and bibliography in preparation for his honours thesis. The subject of this thesis is Irish Immigration to Quebec in the mid-nineteenth century. He is being advised by **Professor R. Rudin**.

Shawn MacNiak - Shawn completed a B.A. at the University of Saskatchewan in 1989. He did a double major in psychology and fine arts with a view to postgraduate studies in Art Therapy. Concordia is the only University in Canada to offer a master's degree in Art Therapy. Shawn was accepted into a qualifying program at Concordia and thus found himself in Montreal. Shawn's life at the University of Saskatchewan closely paralleled his life here at Concordia in that he was working at the University of Regina Main Library full time and doing undergraduate studies part time. Shawn is on his last course required to complete his qualifying year. He spends a few hours every week as a volunteer at the Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre assisting with art classes. This will fill a requirement for art education and possibly help further his chances of acceptance into the master's program. It is at this time he is preparing to apply for the master's program in Art Therapy for next fall. He describes his present schedule as a difficult one and is especially appreciative of his supervisor for planning a work schedule that accommodates his courses.

Stella Teti - Stella, having completed her thesis will be receiving her masters degree in English this fall. Many readers will recall that when Stella first came to the Vanier Library to work, she was an undergraduate student in Communication Studies. This is the success story we are wishing for all our academic co-workers.

Margaret Sheremata

SEL Notes

On September 26th a group of friends and colleagues from the Concordia Libraries said farewell to **Elizabeth Winiarz** at a supper in her honour. Liz was presented with several gifts, a silver clock, a book of Montreal photographs and a Marc-Aurele Fortin print of a Quebec scene. These we know will remind her of her Montreal days, and of the good wishes of all of us. And thanks to the magic of e-mail, we know that Liz is now settled in her new location, as busy as ever with her new jobs (reference and computer searching) at M.I.T., as well as her activities for Special Libraries Association.

Best wishes, too, to **Martine Langevin** and **Arnaldo Brunetti**, whose wedding took place on October 12th.

Just a Reminder! ...for the next issue.

Contributions are always welcome. Just leave your signed articles or suggestions for newsworthy items with any member of the editorial board. Nicest for us, but not essential, would be your idea or story on a diskettte in WordPerfect (any version), accompanied by a hard copy. Just be sure your name is on it, and we'll return it to you.

Thanks

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